Supply of controlled cloth to Sikkim by NCCP

1350. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state whether the Central Registrar of Co-operative Societies in his judgement delivered on the 15th October, 1987 on the malfunctioning of NCCF Board, had observed lapses by some officers of NCCF in supplying 1800 bales of controlled cloth to Sikkim as against its normal quota of 48 bales; if so the reasons for not taking disciplinary action against them including Assistant Manager involved in this bungling even after lapse of two years of the above observation by NCCF Management ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA) : The irregularities committed in the deal of supply of controlled cloth to the state of Sikkim were investigated by the CBI. The CBI did not find involvement of any officer of NCCF in the transaction. However, the NCCF has imposed a minor penalty on the Assistant Manager concerned for certain lapses, of procedural nature.

Import of rice by NCCF

1351. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether NCCF was granted Government export quota of 53000 MTs for non-basmati rice for the years 1979 to 1983;

(b) if so, what were the criteria adopted by authorities in fixing/selecting (i) foreign buyers, (ii) local rice suppliers, and (iii) C and F Agents;

(c) what was the total loss suffered by NCCF in this transaction indicating (i) the name of the foreign buyers, (ii) the quantity and value shifted to each buyers and (iii) profit and loss on each shipment;

(d) whether Government have conducted any enquiry against the NCCF officer who signed contract with (i) foreign buyers, (ii) with local rice suppliers and (iii) with clearing and forwarding agents; and

(e) if so, who are the NCCF officials and non-officials (members of the Board of Directors) against whom the said enquiry has fixed responsibility, if any, for these heavy losses and what disciplinary action has been taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) During the licencing period 1980-81 NCCF was permitted to export 53,000 MTs of non-basmati rice.

(b) The foreign buyers were selected on the basis of their reputation, creditability, their past performance and the competitiveness; of the offers made by them.

The suppdiers of rice were selected from the National and State Level Coop. Organisations like NAFED, HAFED and MARKFED etc.

Tenders were invited for appointment of C&F Agents. The appointment of C&F Agent was made on the basis of competitiveness of offer, creditability and the past experience.

(c) NCCF suffered a total trading loss of Rs. 139.17 lacs during 1980-81 and 1981-82 which was mainly due to the damage of stocks at Kandla Port by cyclone and rains. The Federation has not maintained shipmentwise profit and loss account. The total quantity of the shipment was 35362.90 MTs and its value was Rs. 917.54 lacs. The name of the foreign buyers, quantity and value shipped to each buyer is as under:—